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Honorable James H. Welch Commissioner of Conservation Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

> RE: M 36 Zone, Reservoir A, SU A Pecan Island Field Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welch:

Application is hereby made on behalf of the Vermilion Parish School Board to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the M 36 Zone, Reservoir A, Sand Unit A in the Pecan Island Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

- To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas, such unit to be designated the M 36 Zone, Reservoir A, Sand Unit A as shown more particularly on the attached plat.
- To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate a unit well for the proposed unit.
- 4. To designate ExxonMobil as the unit operator for the proposed unit.
- To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order without the necessity of public hearing should such reclassification be warranted, based on evidence furnished the Commissioner.
- 7. To consider any other matters that may be pertinent to this application.

The M 36 Zone is defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between 18,275' log depth (18181' true vertical depth) and 18,600' log depth (18506' true vertical depth) in the ExxonMobil, Exxon Fee No. 108 well, Serial Number 226710, Section 8, T17S, R1E, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

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In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all interested Parties, the applicant will provide for POSTING of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Pecan Island Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and will cause the legal notice of the hearing to be PUBLISHED in a newspaper of general circulation published in the vicinity of the Abbeville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference relating to this matter was held on July 17, 2002, at Holiday Inn Express, 4924 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list.

The conference was opened with a discussion of the unit proposed on behalf of the Vermilion Parish School Board. Following a question and answer period Mr. Chip LeBlanc, on behalf of ExxonMobil, proposed that no unit be formed. It was noted that the Vermilion Parish School Board would not make application for hearing until a test was available from the proposed unit well (ExxonMobil, Exxon Fee No. 108, Serial No. 226710).

There is attached hereto a plat outlining the proposed unit (being the same plat attached to the May 22, 2002 preapplication notice). Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Smith

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson

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Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties.

